

Amendment

Listing of Pending Claims

A listing of the pending claims, as amended, is provided:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting a message from a portable communication device comprising:

preparing the message to be transmitted, wherein preparing includes receiving a user-generated message; ~~receiving an indication of one or more attributes defining a user defined event associated with the message~~; and

associating the message with a user-defined event to specify the conditions upon which transmission of the associated message should occur;

transmitting the message from the portable communication device upon the occurrence of the user defined event.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting the message includes transmitting the message from the portable communication device to a base station.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising specifying the user defined event.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying the date and time for transmission of the message.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable cost level at which the message is to be sent.
6. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable transmission power level at which the message is to be sent.
7. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable security level at which the message is to be sent.
8. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable distance from a base station at which the message is to be sent.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising compressing the message only when the portable communication device is coupled to a stable power supply.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting the message includes wirelessly transmitting the message to a receiver and disabling a ringing function of the receiver.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the message in memory in the portable communication device.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein storing the message in memory includes storing the message in non-volatile memory.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting a message ~~to~~ from a portable communication device comprising:

receiving a user-generated message;

storing the a message in memory;

defining a transmission condition for when the message is to be transmitted, the transmission condition being defined by the user ~~wherein defining includes receiving an indication of one or more attributes defining the transmission condition associated with the message;~~

associating the message with the transmission condition; and

transmitting the message ~~with a transmitter to~~ from the portable communication device upon occurrence of the transmission condition.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein defining a transmission condition includes defining a time when the message is to be transmitted.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein defining a transmission condition includes defining an acceptable security level for when the message is to be transmitted.

16. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein defining a transmission condition includes defining an acceptable quality of service level for when the message is to be transmitted.

17. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein defining a transmission condition includes defining an acceptable cost for when the message is to be transmitted.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising receiving the message with an antennae on another the portable communication device.

19. (Currently Amended) A portable communication device comprising:

a memory to store a user-generated message, the message being associated with a user defined event ~~the message including one or more attributes defining a user defined event~~;

a transmitter having an antennae to transmit the message; and

a processor, wherein the processor ~~is adapted to transmit~~ allows transmission of the message with the transmitter upon occurrence of the user defined event.

20. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 19, wherein the processor ~~is further adapted to~~ monitors the operation of the portable communication device and determines if the user defined event has occurred.

21. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 20, wherein the processor ~~is further adapted to~~ determines if a current time is substantially equal to a time specified as at least part of the user defined event.

22. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 20, wherein the processor ~~is further adapted to~~ determines if a current system security level is substantially equal to an acceptable security level specified as at least part of the user defined event.

23. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 20, wherein the processor ~~is further adapted to~~ determines if a current quality of service level is substantially equal to an acceptable quality of service level specified as at least part of the user defined event.

24. (Currently Amended) An article comprising: a storage medium having stored thereon instructions, that, when executed by a computing platform, results in:

preparing a message to be transmitted by a portable communication device, wherein preparing includes receiving a user-generated message; ~~receiving an indication of one or more attributes defining a user-defined event associated with the message; and~~

associating the message with a user-defined event to specify the conditions upon which transmission of the associated message should occur;

transmitting the message from the portable communication device upon the occurrence of the user defined event.

25. (Original) The article of claim 24, wherein the instructions, when executed, further result in transmitting the message from the portable communication device to a base station.

26. (Original) The article of claim 24, wherein the instructions, when executed, further result in specifying the user defined event.

27. (Original) The article of claim 26, wherein the instructions, when executed, further result in specifying an acceptable quality of service level at which the message is to be transmitted.

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28. (Original) The article of claim 26, wherein the instructions, when executed, further result in specifying an acceptable level of service level at which the message is to be transmitted.